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SUBJ: ICAO: CARRIAGE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL ON AIRCRAFT

REF: 75 MONTREAL 1640

1. THE DIRECTOR OF AIR NAV BUR HAS ISSUED ANWP 4531 CONCERNED WITH THIS SUBJECT. THIS WP IS BASED ON THE WORK OF THE STUDY GROUP WHICH ARE SUPPORTED BY THE U.S. (75 MONTREAL 1640).

2. THE SYG ICAO APPROACHED THE ALTERNATE USREP AND STATED THAT HE AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL HAD BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE FINAL PREPARATIONS OF THIS ANWP. HE STATED THAT IT WAS RECOGNIZED IN ICAO THAT APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT OF THE CARGO UNDER CONSIDERATION IS OF DIRECT CONCERN TO THE US. FURTHER THAT IT WAS THEIR HOPE THAT THE WORKING PAPER CONVINCE US AUTHORITIES THAT ICAO IS CAPABLE OF PERFORMING A CONSTRUCTIVE FUNCTION IN DEALING WITH THIS RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION PROBLEM. HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS WHICH THE US MIGHT HAVE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PAPER AND FURTHER THAT HE WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO DISCUSSING ANY ASPECTS OF THE OVERALL SUBJECT WHICH THE U.S. MIGHT WISH TO RAISE EVEN THOUGH SUCH SUBJECT IS NOT DEALT WITH IN THE PAPER. HE FURTHER STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE THAT HE AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL PLACED ON THE NECESSITY

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FOR THE CONCLUSION REACHED IN THE ANC REGARDING THE FOUR OPTIONS CONTAINED IN THE PAPER (OR VARIATIONS THEREOF) BEING ACCEPTABLE

TO THE US. IT IS THE VIEW OF THE ALTERNATE USREP THAT ICAO WOULD WELCOME US EXERTING LEADERSHIP IN WHATEVER ROLE ICAO PLAYS WITH RESPECT TO THIS SUBJECT. INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ICAO SECRETARIAT AND WITH IATA REPRESENTATIVES INDICATE A SLIGHT PREFERENCE TOWARDS OPTION 4 AT THIS TIME. IF THIS APPROACH SHOULD BE RECOMMENDED, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE US WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A MEMBER OF THE DANGEROUS GOODS COORDINATING GROUP.

3. MISSION REQUESTS THAT GUIDANCE BE PROVIDED TO US MEMBER ANC AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE WITH A VIEW TOWARDS HAVING THE ANC MAKE A RECOMMENDATION COMPATIBLE WITH OVERALL US VIEWS AND INTERESTS.

4. COPIES OF ANWP 4531 AIR-MAILED TO WASHINGTON MARCH 4.
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